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REMARKS

Claims 1-10 were allowed in the Office Action mailed November 22, 2005.

Claims 11-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. patent 4,267,997 to Meier. Claims 11-25 were also rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103() as being obvious in view of Meier and U.S. patent 4,787,585 to Tedham et al.

Independent claims 11, 15 and 20 have each been amended to add cross members at opposite ends of the side walls and to add a support member that is claimed to extend between the cross members. The support member limitation is supported by specification text that describes the elements identified in the figures by reference numerals 230 and 232. The cross member limitation is supported by specification text describing elements identified in the figures by reference numerals 227 and 228. No new matter has been added.

The addition of the cross member and support member limitations avoids the references cited by the Examiner. An inspection of the Meier and Tedham references reveals that neither of them have a "support member" that extends between "cross members" but which is also recited as lying between the "opposing side walls."

(In the Office Action, the Examiner contends that elements 18 and 24 are sidewalls. In FIG. 2 of Meier, the elements identified by reference numerals 16 and 22 are *not* located between sidewalls. Moreover, there are no "cross members" in any of the Meier figures that extend between both sidewalls and between which the "support member" extends.)

In light of the foregoing amendments to the independent claims, the Applicant contends that the independent claims are now in condition for allowance. Claims that depend from the independent claims are therefore

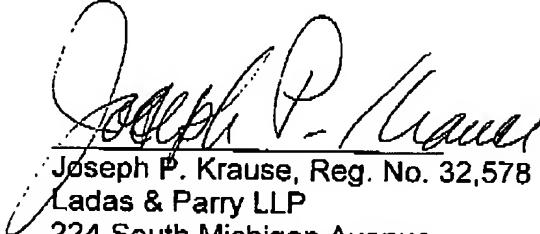
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allowable as well. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests that the claims be allowed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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